

ODD FELLOWS HALL

AL-VI-B-110
Front Street, Lonaconing
1867

Odd Fellows Hall was erected in 1867 by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a fraternal order based in Baltimore. The building is typical of the Italianate style with a wide soffit, scrolled brackets and gothic sash windows located in the gable ends. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was one of a number of fraternal orders, which were popular with the mining community.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Odd Fellows Hall/Large Frame Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER

Storage

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jim Thrasher

Telephone #: 463-2242

STREET & NUMBER

Route 55

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg,

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Odd Fellows Hall is located on Front Street in Lonaconing, Allegany County.

The Odd Fellows Hall is a two story, five bay wide, rectangular frame structure that has been covered with weatherboard. A small two story frame addition abuts the main block on the western side. The entire structure rests on a low stone foundation. The Hall's roof is gabled with a boxed cornice and returns and is covered with asphalt roofing material. The soffit is supported by pairs of scrolled brackets. Windows in the building are double hung, pegged, wooden sash frames with six over six lights. Each window has a bracketed cornice with two sets of louvered shutters. Round headed arch windows are located in the gable ends of the building. The main entrance is located on the north side and originally featured a vertically paneled door with a wide transom light topped by a cornice and brackets. At present the entrance is covered by a one bay, semi-enclosed entrance porch. Two corbeled brick chimneys are located at inside ends of the building.

Although the Odd Fellows Hall has been altered very little since its original construction, the building is now used for storage and is in deteriorated condition.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1867 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Independent Order of Odd Fellows

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows purchased land from the George's Creek Iron & Coal Company in April of 1867. In all probability the building known as Odd Fellows Hall was constructed shortly thereafter, since it is known that the organization opened a library and a lecture room in 1868.¹ The building is typical of the Italianate style with its wide soffit, scrolled brackets and gothic sash windows located in the gable ends.

Fraternal orders such as the Odd Fellows flourished in the mining communities of the George's Creek Valley. According to the Maryland Directory and State Gazeteer, miners joined societies such as the Odd Fellows in great numbers in order to have something to be involved in when either accidents or poor health incurred in the mines forced them to retire while still fairly young.²

1 Katherine A. Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners (Ithaca, N. Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 118

2 Ibid

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
- Katherine A. Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, N. Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 125' x 62'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

2/24/77

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

507 National Highway

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

LaVale,

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Odd Fellows Hall

Allegany County Deed; Liber 473, Folio 572

grantee: Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Baltimore, Maryland

grantor: Isabelle Nightengale & Florence Duckworth

Trustees of the Adam Thopson Rebekah Lodge No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The building has since been leased by the I.O.O.F. to James Thrasher.

Allegany County Deed; Liber 224, Folio 413

grantee: Elizabeth L. Reed, Trustee

grantor: Grand Lodge of Maryland, I.O.O.F.

December 8, 1948

Allegany County Deed; Liber 170, Folio 113

grantee: Adam Thompson Rebekah Lodge No. II

grantor: Grand Lodge of Maryland

October 27, 1933

Allegany County Deed; Liber 26, Folio 229

grantee: Lonaconing Lodge No. 85, I.O.O.F.

grantor: George's Creek Iron & Coal Company

April 30, 1867

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-B-110

473/572

DATE: February 10, 1977

125' x 62'

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Odd Fellows Hall/Large Frame Building

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Front Street, Lonaconing, Maryland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Jim Thrasher 463-2242

ADDRESS: Route 55

Frostburg, Maryland 21532

STORIES: 1() 2(X) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5(X) 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Smaller frame two story on west.

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6(X) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged (X) nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment (X)
Louvered shutters

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: North

HARDWARE: original(X) replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Brackets
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,
Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, HANGARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BORMERS # _____

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(X) STONE() CORBELED(X) original(X) replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

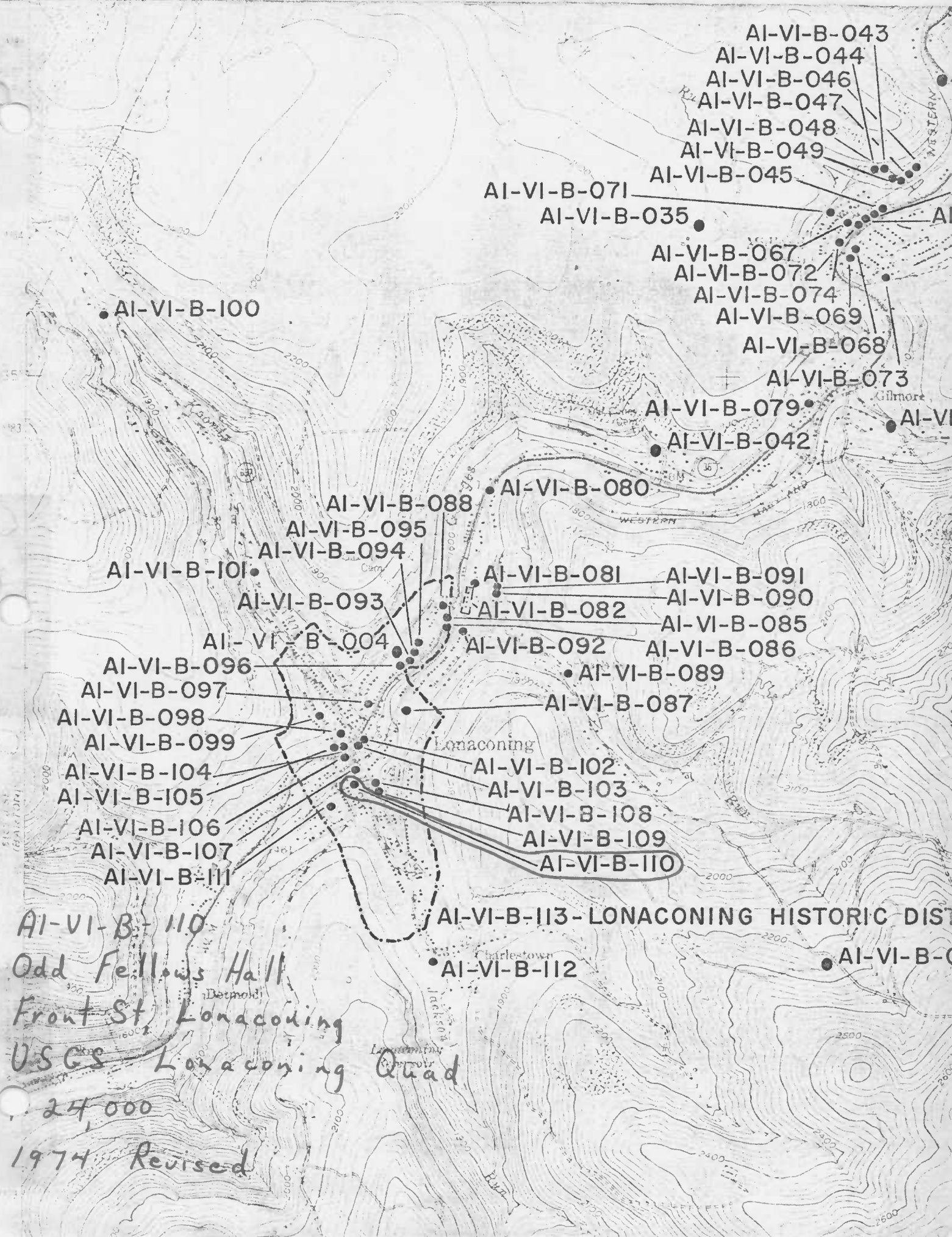
COMMENTS:

Use - Vacant/storage

Significance - Architecture

Date Constructed - 1867

Condition - Poor



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Front St Lonaconing

USGS Lonaconing Quad

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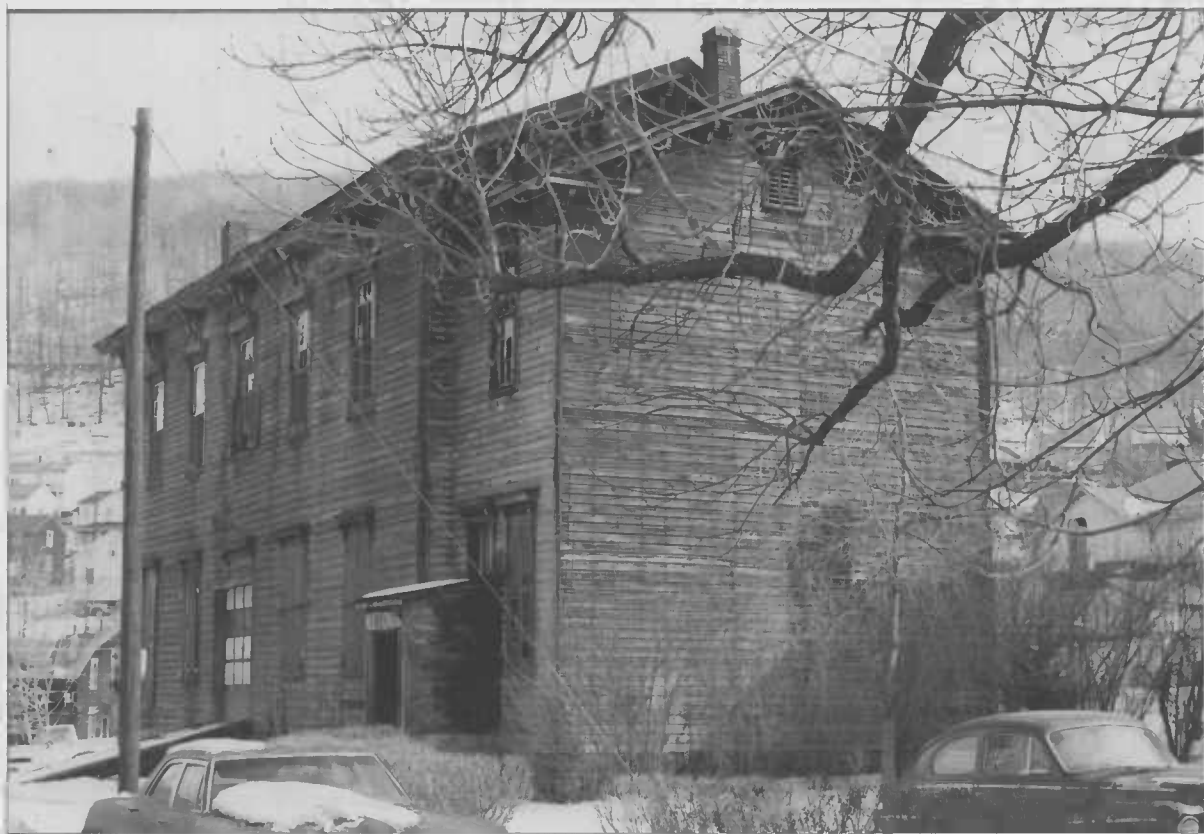
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